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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(B)(1) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/285,008, filed on October 31, 2002, by Eric J. Hoekstra and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, for a DIGITAL ELECTROCHROMIC MIRROR SYSTEM, which will issue on July 22, 2003, as U.S. Patent No. 6,595,649, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/173,479, filed on June 17, 2002, by Eric J. Hoekstra and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, for a DIGITAL ELECTROCHROMIC MIRROR SYSTEM, now U.S. Patent No. 6,474,820, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/973,097, filed on October 9, 2001, by Eric J. Hoekstra and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, for a DIGITAL ELECTROCHROMIC MIRROR SYSTEM, now U.S. Patent No. 6,406,152, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/820,017, filed on March 28, 2001, by Eric J. Hoekstra and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, for a DIGITAL ELECTROCHROMIC MIRROR SYSTEM, now U.S. Patent No. 6,299,315, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/519,767, filed on March 6, 2000, by Eric J. Hoekstra and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, for a DIGITAL ELECTROCHROMIC MIRROR SYSTEM, now U.S. Patent No. 6,210,008, which is a division of application Serial No. 09/353,026, filed on July 13, 1999, by Eric J. Hoekstra and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, for a DIGITAL ELECTROCHROMIC MIRROR SYSTEM, now U.S. Patent No. 6,056,410, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/832,380, filed on April 2, 1997, by Kenneth L. Schierbeek, for a DIGITAL ELECTROCHROMIC MIRROR SYSTEM, now U.S. Patent No. 6,089,721, and further claims priority from provisional application Serial No. 60/117,633, filed on January 28, 1999, and Serial No. 60/103,721, filed on October 9, 1998, by Kenneth (NMI) Schofield and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, for A LIGHT-RESPONSIVE VEHICLE CONTROL SUCH AS AN ELECTRO-OPTIC REARVIEW MIRROR SYSTEM THAT IS ADAPTIVE TO VEHICLE CONFIGURATION.

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.

The attached papers are a true copy of the prior application Serial No. 10/285,008, as originally filed on October 31, 2002, which will issue on July 22, 2003, as U.S. Patent No. 6,595,649.

The filing fee is calculated below:

Basic Fee	\$ 750.00
Additional Fees	
Each independent claim in excess of three, times \$84.00	\$ 0.00
Number of claims in excess of twenty, times \$18.00	\$ 558.00
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Total Filing Fee	<u>\$1,308.00</u>

A check in the amount of \$1,308 for the filing fee is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0190. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Please enter the amendment before calculating the fee.

Amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/285,008, filed on October 31, 2002, by Eric J. Hoekstra and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, now U.S. Patent No. 6,595,649, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/173,479, filed on June 17, 2002, by Eric J. Hoekstra and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, now U.S. Patent No. 6,474,820, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/973,097, filed on October 9, 2001, by Eric J. Hoekstra and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, now U.S. Patent No. 6,406,152, which is continuation of application Serial No. 09/820,017, filed on March 28, 2001, by Eric J. Hoekstra and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, now U.S. Patent No. 6,299,315, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/519,767, filed on March 6, 2000, by Eric J. Hoekstra and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, now U.S. Patent No. 6,210,008, which is a division of application Serial No. 09/353,026, filed on July 13, 1999, by Eric J. Hoekstra and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, now U.S. Patent No. 6,056,410, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/832,380 filed on April 2, 1997, by Kenneth L. Schierbeek, now U.S. Patent No. 6,089,721, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference, and further claims priority from provisional patent applications Serial No. 60/103,721 filed on October 9, 1998, by Kenneth Schofield and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, and Serial No. 60/117,633 filed on January 28, 1999, by Kenneth Schofield and Kenneth L. Schierbeek, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference---

New formal drawings are enclosed.

The prior application is assigned to Donnelly Corporation of 414 East Fortieth Street, Holland, Michigan 49423, as recorded at Reel 010108, Frame 0326, on July 13, 1999.

Applicants respectfully request that the information cited in the prior parent application, Serial No. 10/285,008, be considered in the present application. A disclosure statement is enclosed along with copies of Forms PTO-1449 listing all of the information from the prior parent application.

A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form is enclosed.

The power of attorney in the prior application is to the patent law firm of Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhart, LLP, P.O. Box 888695, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49588-8695, telephone number 616/975-5500, facsimile number 616/975-5505, and the individual patent attorneys and patent agents at such patent law firm, namely, Daniel Van Dyke, Reg. No. 25 046; Donald S. Gardner, Reg. No. 25 975; Terence J. Linn, Reg. No. 30 283; Frederick S. Burkhart, Reg. No. 29 288; Catherine S. Collins, Reg. No. 37 599; Matthew L. Goska, Reg. No. 42 594; Anthony A. Bisulca, Reg. No. 40 913; and Timothy A. Flory, Reg. No. 42 540.

The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.

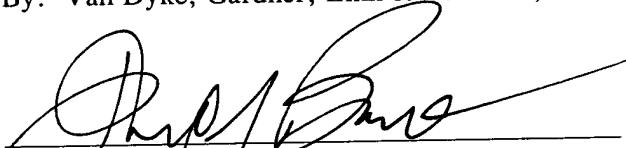
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I certify that this paper together with the attached continuation patent application comprising a Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form (2 pages); Preliminary Amendment (11 pages); copy of prior application Serial No. 10/285,008, filed on October 31, 2002 (25 pages), and Declaration as originally filed (1 page); five (5) sheets of drawings (in duplicate); Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), Forms PTO-1449 (6 sheets); copies of information listed in the Information Disclosure Statement as being enclosed (namely, U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/413,264 (33 pages)); cover letter (4 pages, in duplicate); check in the amount of \$1,308 for the filing fee and return postal card are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope having Express Mail Mailing Label Number EV327022144US addressed to:

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